

**Subject:** ADM File No. 2010-15; Amendment of MCR 6.005

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Dear Mr. Davis,

I support the proposed amendment of MCR 6.005. I believe, however, that file material, supplied at taxpayer expense to a court-appointed attorney, remains the property of the appointing court so long as that court has a responsibility to provide a defendant with counsel. Almost all counties which appoint counsel on appeal require said counsel to deliver file materials (particularly transcripts) to the client at the end of the appointment. The concept underlying such a requirement should apply to court-supplied materials provided to trial counsel. It is an unnecessary and unwarranted burden on taxpayers to require them to pay for copying those materials again. I urge the Court to weigh the burden on taxpayers against the (virtually nonexistent) burden on trial counsel to deliver material supplied by the court (or by the prosecutor or police or court-paid experts) upon request to successor counsel on appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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